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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ATTITUDES TOWARD CONTACTS WITH PRC

REF: TAIPEI 2782 AND 2472

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR REPORTING (REFTELS) ON THE ARTICLES CONCERNING CONTACTS WITH THE MAINLAND IN HUMANIST AND NEWSWEEK, WHICH HAVE SPARKED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN WASHINGTON. WE SHARE YOUR ASSESSMENT THAT PUBLICATION OF HUMANIST ARTICLES CANNOT BE VIEWED AS A SIGNAL FROM THE GROC. HOWEVER, THE ARTICLES DO REFLECT THE EXISTENCE ON TAIWAN OF HERETICAL VIEWS ON THE ISLAND'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC. AS THE ISSUE INVOLVED IS ONE OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO THE US, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE EXTENT TO WHICH SUCH VIEWS EXIST ON TAIWAN. ASSESSMENT SHOULD DISCUSS WHETHER US POLICY OF RECENT YEARS HAS INFLUENCED ATTITUDES TOWARD CONTACTS WITH THE MAINLAND AND SHOULD EVALUATE THE PROSPECTS FOR ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN LOCAL THINKING ON THE SUBJECT.

2. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE TEXTS OF TWO HUMANIST ARTICLES
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AND SUMMARIES OF OTHER ARTICLES THAT HAVE APPEARED IN THE PRESS AND PERIODICALS ON FUTURE OF CHINA (REFTEL). CHRISTOPHER

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